

**November 2, 2004 – 3:00 PM
GSLWQ Standards Meeting
Cannon Health Building – Room 101**

Walt Baker, Chair opened the meeting.
Introductions of Stakeholder and visitors were given.

Attendees:

Karl Kappe (A)
Kelly Payne
Mark Kaschmitter
Chris Montague (A)
Dave Naftz
Bruce Waddell
Lynn deFreitas (A)
Leland Myers
Richard Bay
Dianne Nielson
Walt Baker
William Moellmer
Ed Blaney

Old Business

Leland Myers mentioned that the October 5, 2004 minutes needed to be corrected. Maunsel Pearce not Leland Myers brought up the possibility of securing “terminal lakes” monies through Sen. Bennett’s office.

Bruce Waddell made the comment that e-mailed agendas and minutes should go to alternates too.

Brad Marden’s name was misspelled in the minutes.

There were no objections to approving the minutes with the noted corrections.

Consensus-based Decision Making

Mr. Baker talked about votes on procedural matters. There needs to be a supermajority (3/4) for approving substantive matters. If not, all opinions will be advanced to the WQB. If there is a supermajority only the majority opinion will be forwarded. Elements of fairness need to be maintained and all issues will be open to discussion. In order to move a position forward a supermajority of those attending the meeting is needed for substantive issues and 2/3 for procedural issues. In order to conduct meetings in an orderly matter, members need to raise their hands and wait until invited to speak.

Funding

There are various sources of funding. Richard Bay mentioned that JVVCD Board of Trustees has approved \$20,000 to be used for science panel expenses with the intent to consider further funding in the future. Nature Conservancy is also committed to \$20,000.

Mr. Baker talked about finances. DEQ will create an account and manage the deposits to and expenses from the account. Monies will be received by the State and handled as follows:

1. Reimbursable expenses will be approved by DWQ and disbursed by DEQ Finance.
2. Stakeholders will remit funds to DEQ and they will be deposited into a non-interest bearing account.

Authorized DEQ signatories will be designated to approve disbursements from the fund.

Dr. Dave Naftz asked if there would be overhead or administrative costs involved. Mr. Baker replied that there would not be. Richard Bay commented that this process would work for Jordan Valley WCD.

Dr. Dianne Nielsen suggested that DEQ needs to provide on a regular basis a status of the accounting of the funds. Mr. Baker agreed.

Other Funding

Leland Myers talked about the letter that has been prepared to send to Senator Bennett. He asked the panel if any changes were needed.

Leland asked the panel who would be signing the letter. Dr. Nielsen suggested that it is acceptable to list committee members.

Leland Myers asked if anyone on the steering committee didn't want to sign the letter. Richard Bay suggested including all steering committee members. Mr. Kelly Payne needs to check with Kennecott management prior to having his name on the letter. It was mentioned that Federal Entities are not in the position to sign the letter to Sen. Bennett.

It was suggested that it might be helpful to bring additional letters to Senator Bennett from other stakeholders to accompany the letter from the steering committee. Walt Baker indicated that anybody could independently jump onboard to support the letter from the steering committee.

It was agreed to send the letter out on DEQ letterhead with Walt Baker being the DEQ contact person.

New Business

Science Panel

Bill Moellmer presented the status of the upcoming science panel meeting scheduled for November 9, 2004. He mentioned that Anne Fairbrother will be coming from Palo Alto and Joseph Skorupa from Washington D.C. Theresa Presser, and Bill Wuerthele come from outside the State of Utah. The other members are local.

Bill Moellmer asked the steering committee to provide any suggestions on the format of the science panel meeting. Richard Bay suggested that we do not need to distract the scientific panel with other issues; perhaps we need to clearly spell out the issues and studies done so far.

Dave Naftz suggested having an expert of the GSL give them an overview of the physical geology. Dr. Nielsen commented that it is important to make a distinction between the open water and wetlands. The committee suggested that maybe Theron Miller should have a hard copy of his presentation to hand out to the science panel beforehand and if they had questions they could be given a PowerPoint presentation. Also, it was suggested to include information on selenium studies done in the Bear River and other streams.

It was agreed that the issue with the JVWCD should be included in the presentation.

Walt Baker told the committee that the science panel expenses would follow State per diem amounts and protocols. He also mentioned the possibility of teleconferencing in order to be more efficient with budget issues and will report on that in a future meeting.

Other Business

It was asked what kind of PR should be done for computer challenged people. Dianne Nielsen replied that DEQ is doing public outreach through the GSL website but there is still more to plan ahead. Walt Baker encouraged the steering committee members, as part of PR efforts to go back to their respective constituency and relay the message of the efforts, that are underway. Ed Blaney suggested using the newspaper such as the *Salt Lake Tribune*.

Walt Baker asked Renette Anderson if a facilitator was needed for the science panel. Renette Anderson answered yes.

Next Meeting Agenda Items

Follow up Science Panel Meeting

Sign letter to Senator Bennett

Next meeting is scheduled for **December 7, 2004** Room 201 at 3:00 p.m. at the DEQ Building #2, 168 N. 1950 W., SLC, UT.